

LIVE TOPICS OF THE DAY.

News and Gossip Heard on the Street and Gathered in Conversation.

Talk With Dry Goods Men--A Railroad Man's Views on Several Subjects.

The Water Supply Agitation--More Improvements at the Hotel Broadwater.

W. E. Cox, the real estate dealer and gentleman, returned yesterday from his cattle ranch near White Sulphur Springs, where he had been punching cows for a few days to take off the novelty of talking real estate. The ranch is conducted by the recently formed Shields River Cattle company, Mr. Cox being the principal owner. He brought in three car loads of choice beef from the ranch, which has been sold to local butchers.

"How is trade, did you ask?" said A. D. Raleigh, of the dry goods firm of Raleigh & Clarke, yesterday. "Trade is good. We have had a very heavy run this season and the year's result will show a large increase in our sales over former years. We have the only exclusive dry goods house in the town, and are well satisfied with the business we have done. Our supply of fall goods is about sold out, and for the month our eight clerks will have sold about \$14,000 worth of goods. It is our intention in the near future to branch out into the largest dry goods house in Montana. We will secure some place having at least fifty feet frontage and will be able to make a fine display. No, the ladies of Helena will have only the finest goods. Money is plentiful here and the people want the best of everything. We occasionally get a new clerk from the east and it surprises him to see the number of people who never think of taking a nickel or dime in change. That happens very often and shows how little some people think of these small items."

"I should say the dry goods sales in Helena aggregate with four houses about \$900,000 per year." Sands Bros. new dry goods palace has had a steady stream of visitors all week, everybody agreeing that it is a model store. Although situated in the upper portion of town the New York Dry Goods store commands a trade second to none in Helena and carries a very large stock. Henry Lohr reports trade very good.

"It did not surprise me in the least to hear of the suicide of John Billings," said a well-known business man yesterday. "I met him nine months ago in Butte and he was then heavily in debt. I was among his creditors and he told me he had his life insured for \$10,000. I did not press him for what was due me, but he brought up the subject and told me of his life insurance policy. He said that the only way he could see to ever settle with me was to blow his brains out and let me take the insurance money. I was surprised at his talk and manner and told him not to worry any longer. Knowing he had such intentions nine months ago it did not surprise me to hear that he took his own life. His insurance policy went by default six months since."

Notwithstanding that a water deal is about to be consummated, the agitation started during the summer for a large supply still exists. Conservative men are of the opinion that if Helena ever intends to be a large city and a manufacturing and industrial center, it must have abundant water. It is hardly probable, since nothing has been done toward the large stream to Helena, that the woolen mills company formed by Helena men last summer, will be located there plant at this point.

"The Butte-Gallatin branch," said Engineer McHenry yesterday, "is completed for fifty-two miles. Track is laid that distance. We have only eighteen miles more to build, but it is the heaviest part of the work. The company has begun the erection of its depot buildings in Butte. The depot will be situated near Arizona street, about 1,000 feet north of the Montana Central depot. The Butte buildings will be of brick and much better than the Helena buildings; but that is because the Northern Pacific has more money now than when the Helena buildings were erected. Beside our buildings, many of the large business firms of Butte are building warehouses near the depot. We expect to corral the entire Butte trade when we get started."

"I heard a story in Butte the other day," continued Mr. McHenry, "quite amusing me. It was a well-known newspaper man who told it to me, and he is very anxious to see the Northern Pacific main line go through Butte and Anaconda to the west. He said that he had it from a 'strictly reliable source' that a deep-seated scheme was on foot to pay some individual \$500 and have him blow up or fire the Mullin tunnel next spring."

"What new railroad projects do you hear of?" was asked. Mr. McHenry replied that he thought it very probable that the Union Pacific would extend its line from Garrison to Missoula early next year. "To my notion, I can see a great future for Missoula. It will have at least six railroads making it a terminal point, within a few years. Every northwestern road that wants to go east or west must go through Missoula."

Col. Broadwater has so many projects contemplated which tend to add to the beauty and attractiveness of the Hotel Broadwater that it will require fully another year to carry them through to completion. He is now establishing a mammoth nursery on the grounds, for which 6,000 varieties of bulbs and plants have been received. A line of handsome and cozy cottages will also be erected next spring and the artificial lake will also be in readiness for ice skating during the winter. With these improvements the Hotel Broadwater will be a model resort. Within a few steps of each other will be skating on the ice or bathing in hot springs, mineral water in the great tnatatorium.

The best two for 25c. cigar at the Bijou.

Ten styles of fur caps, latest Paris styles, just received at Balcock's.

For novels and reading matter of all kinds, go to The Bee Hive.

The largest line of millinery at lowest prices at Fowler's Cash Store.

In Another Column.

See Louvre bill of fare for to-day.

A Fine Piece of Art.

During the present week Mr. August Fack will receive a famous work of art entitled "The Suicide." Due notice will be given upon the arrival of the work, and a general invitation will be extended to the public to call and see it at Mr. Fack's place of business. This selection is from the atelier of Michelowsky, whose genius is the song of French cities to-day.

Excursion to Hotel Broadwater.

For the accommodation of the Marysville people who wish to visit Hotel Broadwater next Sunday, Oct. 27, the Montana Central will run a train, leaving Marysville at 1 o'clock p. m., returning leave Hotel Broadwater at 5:30 p. m. Fare for the round trip \$1.

B. H. LANOLLEY, General Ticket Agent.

IN AN ASYLUM BUT NOT INSANE.

Lieut. Amos Cross, Worth \$200,000, Said to be Illegally Restrained.

Lieut. Amos Cross, who was in command of the army post at Fort Reno several years ago, was arrested in this city by the sheriff and sent to the Butler insane asylum at Providence, R. I., on Aug. 31, 1885, says a New York dispatch. Cross was 44 years old at the time, and was owner of real estate inherited from his mother valued at \$300,000. Part of it is valuable ground situated at Oak Point, near Newport. To day Aaron Kahn obtained from Judge Andrews of the supreme court, a writ of habeas corpus directing the authorities to produce the lieutenant in court on next Friday, when an effort will be made to secure his release and to have the persons concerned in having him incarcerated indicted by the grand jury for abduction. Cross is well educated and belongs to a well known and wealthy Rhode Island family, and served with some distinction in the war, being wounded several times in battle. He came east, and, so it is alleged, fell into bad company and knocked about the town without much money. After his mother died in 1884, leaving him half her estate, he began, it is alleged, to spend money recklessly. He has been doing this for several months when his brother Eliza came on from Wakefield and hired a lawyer to have the lieutenant put under restraint in an asylum. In his application for the writ Lawyer Kahn asserts that Lieutenant Cross was perfectly sane at the time of his removal to the Butler asylum, and that his removal was the result of a conspiracy on the part of Eliza Cross to secure his brother's share of the estate which, Kahn alleges, Eliza is now squandering. Lawyer Kahn says that the plaintiff was forcibly taken into custody at the office of Lawyer W. H. Johnson, at 12 Centre street, where he came to meet his brother by appointment. A carriage was in waiting, and the plaintiff, against his will, was hurried out of the store.

All kinds of fancy goods at Fowler's Cash Store.

A few more dinner sets at The Bee Hive at eastern prices.

PERSONAL.

M. Harris and wife, of Great Falls, are in the city.

S. P. Marshall of Miles City, is a guest of the Merchants.

A. M. Thornburg is in Butte reveling in West Side society.

Willard Bennett and E. E. Congdon, of Butte, are in town.

Jerry McCarthy, a prominent citizen of Butte, is in the city.

Mr. Godfrey, of the American Express office, will spend Sunday in Butte.

Superintendent G. W. Dickinson and family went over to Helena yesterday.

S. B. Calderhead, auditor of the Montana Union railway, was in town yesterday.

G. W. Adrian, a prominent real estate man of Minneapolis, is at the Merchants.

F. J. Sterling and wife, of C. A. McManis, are in the city.

Miss E. Harris, who accompanied her husband on his trip to the east, is in the city.

Miss Ella Watson, the young lady who manipulates the switch board at the telephone exchange, will visit Butte to-day.

Mrs. F. S. Read and daughter, Mary, arrived from Cascade yesterday and will remain in town until next night.

H. Tenbroeck and wife, Mrs. Rola Geer, arrived in the city yesterday from New York. Mr. Tenbroeck is general eastern agent of the Union Pacific.

F. B. Gilmore, of Omaha, and Simon Hartman, Sam Daniels, I. Beckman and Geo. A. Ellis, of Chicago, are at the Cosmopolitan.

Toys, games, dolls and other articles to please the rising generation, at The Bee Hive.

Get your millinery at Fowler's Cash Store and save 25 per cent.

Among the Churches.

A meeting of the ministers in town will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday at 10 a. m. for the consideration of several important matters. T. V. Moore, First Presbyterian church.

The sixth ward Oak street church will be dedicated to-day at 10:30 a. m., and this evening at 7:30 a dedication sermon will be preached by Rev. D. R. Tower. An interesting time is expected and the public is invited to participate.

Services at the Congregational church to-day and preaching by the pastor, Rev. F. D. Kelley. Subjects: "In Repentance" and "The Prodigal Son." Bible classes and Sunday school at 2:30. Young people's meeting at 6:45. All are cordially invited and made heartily welcome.

The subject for this morning at the Christian church is "Heroes," and for this evening "Influence of the Gospel on the World." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. All are invited. Rev. D. B. Price, recently transferred from Clinton, Mo., to Montana and stationed at Helena, arrived yesterday at noon with his family, and will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. at the M. E. church, south. You are cordially invited.

Second Presbyterian Church--Rev. Dr. Quinn will conduct the usual services morning and evening, in Adams' hall, Helena avenue, at 11 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock. Sabbath school and Bible class at 2:30. Subject of evening sermon, "The Instability of Human Friendship."

On the dedication of the Oakes street chapel there will be no morning service at the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, but to-night at 7:30 the Rev. Dr. Raleigh will preach in the Beatitudes of Pardon. The public are cordially invited. The usual services at the Presbyterian church to-day at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. T. V. Moore, pastor.

The Rev. Chas. I. Gibbon, a church of England clergyman, rector of Surry, diocese of Peterboro, will preach at St. Peter's church to-day.

Seal jackets and top coats, latest styles, at Balcock's fur room.

The best 10c. cigar at the Bijou.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Montana Central railroad yesterday delivered to Wm. Weinstein, a carload of fruit from San Francisco, which arrived in the last time of five days.

The programme of Mrs. Pitt's concert will be announced in a few days. It will take place the first week in November. It will afford a rare treat to the Helena music-loving people.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to James H. Connolly, of Rimini, and Christina A. Norquist, of Galesburg, Ill.; William H. Thomas, of Highwood, Mont., and Adelaide Steele, of Belt, Mont.

The best quality and lowest prices in yarns at Fowler's Cash Store.

Ladies', misses' and children's hose at all prices at The Bee Hive.

Grand Military Ball.

Will be given by Co. C, Montana Meagher Guards, at Enore hall on Friday evening, Nov. 1st. Music by Yeager's orchestra.

Branching Out.

The fact has become known that Messrs. Boeman Bros. have been doing a very extensive business, not only in Helena but throughout Montana, Idaho and Washington. They carry one of the largest stocks

of wines and liquors to be seen in any establishment in the west. The amount of Lemay's St. Louis beer that they handle is something enormous. We have it from reliable sources that this firm is soon to open establishments at Butte and Spokane Falls. That they will be successful wherever they undertake to do business, goes without saying.

The Excelsior gas burner: brilliancy and cheapness. A perfect light. For sale at Woman's Exchange.

THE METRE SYSTEM.

What the Water Company Intends Doing With It.

Everybody is interested in knowing what the water contract with Woolston provides, relative to placing in metres. Massena Bullard, who is assisting in the preparation of this important document, told an Independent reporter yesterday that the contract as it is to be submitted to the city council, will provide that the water company, may, where it has reason to believe there is a deliberate waste, put a metre.

The company, he said, did not propose nor could it afford to place metres in every house, as they are expensive. The privilege is wanted, however, to put a metre in places where a family or house uses more water than is agreed upon in the contract as a reasonable quantity for a month's use. But it should be figured out that even though metres should be used it will not prevent a hardship to any one. Where they are used only metre rates will be charged and the company can only collect for the actual amount of water used.

The average price for families will be \$11 per month, "should metres be placed in every house," continued Mr. Bullard, "it is more than probable that many families would curtail the use of water, using only what is actually needed, and at the end of the month by charging up metre rates it would be found that \$1 could not be collected from many families."

"The company desires to do what is fair and they realize that the city council is competent to judge what is just and right in the matter, and no fear need be entertained on this metre proposition, the use of which will be very limited."

Relative to the authority of the council to grant a contract for a longer term than one year, Mr. Bullard says there is a difference of opinion as to the construction of the law on this point. What will be done in the premises he could not state, and said he did not given the matter any particular consideration.

Special sale day at Woman's Exchange Wednesday.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were filed for record yesterday with County Clerk and Recorder Tooker:

Town of Helena by John C. Bullitt, Jr., trustee to Charles Messenger, part of lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, Northern Pacific addition, \$ 525

Class Messenger to Mary M. Messenger, lot 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, Northern Pacific addition, 500

Ties, H. Carter to Lewis H. Carter, lot 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, Northern Pacific addition, 5,000

Aaron Herold, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Northern Pacific addition, 400

Charles Messenger et al. to Helena Lumber Co., lot 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, Northern Pacific addition, 400

Furniture wraps, latest in furs, basement hall, Balcock's.

Buy your winter's supply of underwear at The Bee Hive. They have complete lines for men, women and children. Prices lower than any others.

Curtain poles with complete set of brass fixtures only 35 cents this week at Fowler's Cash Store.

Lurline Bouquets at the Bijou.

Still Receiving.

Miss Stevens is still receiving a large line of fine fall and winter millinery goods, both domestic and imported, and desires to have the ladies be sure and call this week and inspect her excellent stock.

MONEY SAVED

--IS--

MONEY MADE!

How to Save and Where to Commence is the Question with Many People.

To Buyers of Dry Goods we Would Say,

Do Not Be Humbled by a Promising Ride of Ten Feet in an Elevator, but Go Right

Straight to

Raleigh & Clarke

Where you can find the largest stock of Dry Goods exclusively of any house in Montana, and can save fully 25 per cent on everything you buy.

Every Department of our establishment is now teeming with Bargains.

We have many Novelties and High Art Fabrics, which are shown by us

EXCLUSIVELY.

Our Constant Aim is to Ever Excel in Quality. As to Price, we have but one short statement to make:

NO ONE UNDERSELLS US!

This is a Positive Guarantee with all Goods that go out from our house.

One of the Many Bargains we are Offering this week is a 54-inch English Broadcloth for

\$1.75! \$1.75! \$1.75!

Per Yard, in all the New and Most Desirable Shades. These Goods are Sold Elsewhere at \$2.25. We will be glad to show you our goods and Compare Prices.

Raleigh & Clarke.

FOR SALE.

A TEAM OF YOUNG HORSES, DELIVERY WAGON and harness. Enquire of Balcock's Cash Store.

RANCH 22 MILES FROM HELENA ON THE RAN. P. R. R. Said ranch is known as the Logan ranch; good water right and good buildings. For terms apply to Jas. S. Grant, Helena.

A FIRST-CLASS 12-HORSE POWER AUTOMATIC engine will be sold at a bargain. Enquire at this office.

RANCH WITH HOUSE, STABLE, CORRAL and sheds, 60 tons of hay, agricultural implements, making a very good grazing land for sheep or any stock, at reasonable price. Address P. O. Box 93, Helena.

OLD PAPERS AT THIS OFFICE.

HELP WANTED--FEMALE.

FIRST-CLASS SKIRT MAKER AT 318 Surface St., West Side.

FIRST-CLASS GENERAL HOUSE GIRLS. \$15 to \$25 per week to assist in light house work.

LADY TO HANDLE THE DELMONTE COOK BOOK. Handsome income being made by those now at work on it. Five hundred thousand in every house. Liberal terms to good party. Address for particulars, Charles L. Webster & Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Send for canvasser's catalogue.

LADY AGENTS WANTED FOR MY WONDERFUL RUBBER UNDERWEAR. Grandest invention for women ever seen. Mrs. H. F. Little, Chicago.

LADY AGENTS FOR CHILD'S REFORM. Waists; Skirt-Bustle Substitute, Baby Diaper Supporter, etc. New goods. Our agent at Helena, Minn., made \$15 in ten days. Ladies Supply Co., 287 Washington street, Chicago.

HELP WANTED--MALE.

OFFICE BOY AT PAULSEN & McCONEILL.

LABORERS--ENQUIRE AT 808 EIGHTH AVENUE.

TWO TINNERS. HELENA ROOFING CO.

SITUATIONS--MISCELLANEOUS.

CHANDLER WANTS A TEAMSTER FOR city, \$2.50 a day; woman cook, \$50; men for saw mill, \$40 a month; five girls for house work, \$25 to \$30 a month; girl for Fort Shaw, \$30; two waiter girls, \$10 a week.

BY AN EXPERIENCED HORSE TAMER, fifty horses to break to saddle and harness at \$10 each. Parties desiring horses broken may address W. T. M., East Helena.

LADY AGENTS, ALSO MEN, TWO IMMENSE new specialties. One lady made \$27 before dinner; another \$16 first hour. Address Little & Co., box 443 Chicago, Ill.

HOUSES WANTED.

BY A RELIABLE MAN OF SMALL FAMILY, before Nov. 20, a six to eight room house with all modern improvements. Must be centrally located and within ten minutes' walk from the postoffice. Enquire at the Plymouth Clothing house, No. 9 South Main st.

HOUSE TO LET--BOARD WANTED.

ONE SIDE OF A DOUBLE HOUSE, containing five rooms each, to let to a family who would wish to board the proprietor and his wife. Address at Independent office.

LOST.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN--ALL PERSONS are warned against purchasing lots No. 21 and 22 in block 24 of the Central addition to the city of Helena without any consent or signature of MISS ELIZABETH AVANAUGH.

PERSONAL.

GEORGE I'VE SELECTED A LOVELY seal jacket at Balcock's; drop in and see it. Ella.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ALL LADIES TO VISIT BALCOCK'S FUR ROOMS.

WANTED--ONE HUNDRED HEAD OF horses or cattle, to be fed this winter, good pasture, sheds, corral and hay, near town. Inquire of Dr. N. Salval.

TEAMS WANTED TO Haul from 100 to 200 cords of wood from McCalland creek to Helena. Enquire of A. J. Davidson & Co., Helena, Ave.

NOTICE TO TEAMSTERS--I WILL SELL you oats in lots of 1,000 pounds or more at \$1.35 per hundred pounds. John S. Miller, Union block, Helena.

TO CORRESPOND WITH PARTIES WHO can furnish addresses of citizens residing in their localities, country, villages and towns under 10,000 population. Regarding price paid and other particulars, address box 418, Topeka, Kansas.

MRS. ALESSO, THE CELEBRATED CLAIRVOYANT, can be consulted at the Hotel building, Room 10.

THE ENTIRE POPULATION TO KNOW Balcock is headquarters for furs.

400 HEAD OF CATTLE OR SHEEP TO WINTER on shares; plenty of hay and good range. Address Allen & S. B. Butcher, Independent office.

SHEEP WANTED--1,200 MERINO OR COTTS--wold ewes, 1 to 3 years old. Address Box 16, Helena, Mont.

MONEY TO LOAN.

TO LOAN BY H. B. PALMER. SEE ADVERTISEMENT on the fourth page.

ON IMPROVED LAND OR CHATTEL MORTGAGES. John S. Miller, Union block, Helena.

MONEY TO LOAN UPON HELENA REAL ESTATE upon reasonable terms. Apply to Edward C. Russell, room 8, Thompson block, Helena, Mont.

LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO LOAN on improved and unimproved city real estate and on ranches at low rates. C. F. Ellis & Co., insurance agents, real estate agents, mortgages loans.

MONEY TO LOAN ON IMPROVED HELENA property. Time and terms to suit. Jno. S. M. Noll, Rooms 6 and 7, Ashby building.

BY AN EXPERIENCED LADY STENOGRAPHER and typewriter. Woman's Exchange, 14 Warren st.

BY A STEADY YOUNG MAN A STEADY position, watchman, preferred. Good references. Address W. F. P., Independent.

BY AN AMERICAN LADY AS HOUSE-keeper, city or country, country preferred. Address Mrs. E. A., 828 Sixth avenue.

BY A YOUNG GERMAN GIRL, A PLACE TO do general housework. Apply Sunday, from 2 to 5 p. m., at 311 South Rodney street.

SITUATION WANTED BY ONE OF THE best typists and shorthand writers in the city. Best of references from former employers. Apply at the Capital Employment Office, 212 Lawrence street.

SEWING IN PRIVATE FAMILIES BY DAY. Address 342 Spencer street.

BY AN EXPERIENCED LADY STENOGRAPHER and typewriter, or assist in book-keeping. Address 424 Park ave.

EXPERIENCED TIMEKEEPER WISHES A situation. M. H. A., this office.

A YOUNG LADY OF EXPERIENCE WOULD like the care of an invalid lady or child, or position as working housekeeper. Address or call on Mrs. L. A. Elder, No. 314 Clark street, or E. Independent office.

BY GOOD TEAMSTER--ADDRESS N. J., this office.

BY A GOOD LAUNDRESS. ENQUIRE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.

AS LATHER, DRIVING DELIVERY WAGON, or taking care of horses. X 2, this office.

BY A PRACTICAL, DOUBLE-ENTRY BOOK-keeper. Three years' experience in wholesale house east. Best of recommendations. Address X 3.

FOR RENT--DWELLINGS.

FIVE ROOM HOUSE, FURNISHED. ENQUIRE at 912 Eighth avenue.

A SIX-ROOM HOUSE 31 BENTON AVENUE south. S. E. Richardson.

9-ROOM HOUSE ON RODNEY STREET. ADDRESS D, this office.

FOUR OR TWO ROOM HOUSE, 421 MING street, back of Howie street.

SIX AND SEVEN ROOM HOUSES, ALL MODERN improvements. Inquire of J. S. Featherly.

SEVEN ROOM COTTAGE, CENTRAL LOCATION. Call at Paulsen & McConeill's.

FOR RENT--ROOMS FURNISHED.

FOUR ROOMS FOR HOUSEKEEPING, \$20 Jackson st., one block from Helena ave, ear

ON FIRST FLOOR. ENQUIRE 501 BRECKENRIDGE ST.

2 ROOMS FOR HOUSEKEEPING. 124 Jefferson st.